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DEMIREL-CARTER MEETING

1. PRO-GOVERNMENT TERCUMAN MAY 8 CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY
QUOTING UNNAMED SOURCES COMMENTING ON APPROACH DEMIREL WILL
TAKE DURING HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER MAY 10.
ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, THE MEETING WILL NOT BE A LONG
ONE AND THEREFORE THERE WILL BE NO TIME TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS
IN DETAIL. FOR THIS REASON, DEMIREL, WHO IS ALREADY UPSET
WITH THE ADMINISTRATION FOR NOT URGING IMMEDIATE
CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT
(DCA) AND WHO IS FURTHER UPSET BY THE EMERGENCE OF THE F-4
PROBLEM, WILL BE QUITE FRANK IN EXPRESSING TURKISH DISPLEASURE.
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SAME SOURCES ALSO STATE THAT IF CARTER ASKS DEMIREL TO MAKE
CONCESSIONS ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION, DEMIREL WILL RESPOND THAT
NO TURKISH GOVERNMENT CAN POSSIBLY MAKE CONCESSIONS UNDER
THE PRESSURE OF AN OUTSIDE POWER.

2. MILLIYET MAY 9 CARRIES SIMILAR STORY, ALSO BASED ON UNNAMED
TURKISH SOURCES. ACCORDING TO THIS STORY, DEMIREL WILL TELL

THE PRESIDENT THAT AS LONG AS THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO IS OVERTLY TIED TO RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, NO TURKISH GOVERNMENT WILL SIGN AN AGREEMENT ON CYPRUS. ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT DEMIREL WILL TAKE A VERY TOUGH LINE AND WILL SAY THINGS THAT "NO TURKISH PRIME MINISTER HAS EVER DREAMED OF SAYING TO A PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES". THE TURKS ARE REPORTED TO BE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT WHATEVER DEMIREL MAY SAY, PRESIDENT CARTER MAY RESPOND SIMPLY "SO BE IT". MILLIYET SAYS THESE OFFICIALS ARE AFRAID THAT THE PRESIDENT CONSIDERS HIMSELF A MESSIAH AND THEREFORE THE MOST DISTURBING ASPECT OF HIS CONDUCT IS "THAT HE BELIEVES WHAT HE IS DOING".

3. MAY 8 FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL MADE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS CONCERNING THE NATO SUMMIT IN LONDON. CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT DEMIREL'S SPEECH AT THE NATO COUNCIL WOULD CONCENTRATE ON AN EXPOSITION OF TURKISH VIEWS OF DETENTE, THE NEED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ALLIANCES, THE NECESSITY FOR THE ALLIES TO ADHERE TO NATO PRINCIPLES, AND THE EFFECT ON NATO OF "ANY WEAKENING OF THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND SOLIDARITY". CAGLAYANGIL ALSO SAID THAT HE EXPECTED THAT DURING THE CARTER-DEMIREL MEETING, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD MENTION THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION NOT TO SEEK IMMEDIATE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE DCA AND ITS "REFUSAL" TO PUSH FOR AN END TO THE RESTRICTION ON FMS CASH SALES. MACOMBER

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